crore and Rs. 231.76 crore respectively was released out of which they have already incurred an expenditure of Rs. 103.67 crore and Rs. 219.35 crore respectively.

The Government of Karnataka has submitted proposals relating to missing links of Phase I and II. These were considered by the Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 30th March, 2006. While approving these proposals, it was also decided that the States may be allowed to take up such works to the extent these can be funded through savings available in the earlier Phases and interest income earned by the State orrPMGSY funds. The State may intimate the availability of the savings and interest to the Ministry to enable it to consider the missing link proposals separately. A copy of these Minutes has already been forwarded to the State Government.

Funds released to Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh under NREGA

3464. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released to Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh separately for rural employment as per National Rural Employment Guarantee Act;

(b) whether there is any mechanism worked out for involving the Members of Parliament and MLAs and to seeking their cooperation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) An amount of Rs. 1269.11 lakh was released to Uttaranchal State during the year 2005-2006 for implementation of NREGA and Rs. 1910.60 lakh has been released to the State during the current financial year. Rs. 898.37 lakh were released to Himachal Pradesh during 2005-2006 and Rs. 683.64 have been released during the current financial year for implementation of the Act.

(b) and (c) For effective implementation of NREGA by the various States, Operational Guidelines have been prepared by Ministry of Rural Development. For preparing these guidelines, suggestions were invited

from leaders of political parties, State Governments, Members of Parliament and also from general public. Ministers in charge of the rural developments of the states and Members of Parliament were invited to participate in the discussions held for finalization of the guidelines. MPs and MLAs are chairman and members of the state level and district level vigilance and monitoring committees.

In a State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee, Minister Rural Development Departments of the concerned State is the Chairman. Four MPs from Lok Sabha, 1 MP from Rajya Sabha and 5 MLAs are its members. In a District Level Vigilance and Monitoring committee, the Chairman is Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) elected from the districts and nominated by the Ministry of Rural development. All MPs (Lok Sabha) of the district and one MP (Rajya Sabha) representing the State and exercising option to be associated with the district level committee of that district are the members of the committee and are designated as its co-chairman. All MLAs of the district are the members of the committee.

MPs of the districts identified in 1st phase were requested by the Minister, Rural Development to participate at least in on meeting of Gram Sabha. The Chief Ministers were also requested to advise the MPs and MLAs to address the Gram Sabhas in the districts of their choice.

Requests from Karnataka for financial assistance under SGSY

3465. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka'has requested for financial assistance under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) for increase of agricultural productivity, Dairy Development, empowerment of BPL Families, socio-economic development of shepherds and wool weavers, providing marketing facilities, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Center's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) 41 proposals